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MEPA/NEPA/HB495 CHECKLIST

PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. **Type of Proposed State Action** Property exchange at Poindexter Slough Fishing Access Site (FAS).
2. **Agency Authority for the Proposed Action** MCA 87-1-209 authorizes Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), with the consent of the Fish, Wildlife & Park Commission, to acquire land for outdoor recreation and to extend and consolidate by exchange, lands or waters suitable for these purposes.
3. **Name of Project** Poindexter Slough/Tash T Diamond Livestock, Inc. Property Exchange.
4. **Name, Address and Phone Number of Project Sponsor (if other than the agency)**

Agency sponsored in cooperation with:.

Tash T Diamond Livestock, Inc.
Bill Tash
45 Vista Drive
Dillon, MT 59725
(406) 683-4826

5. **If Applicable:**

Estimated Construction/Commencement Date N/A.
Estimated Completion Date December, 1998.
Current Status of Project Design (% complete) N/A.

6. **Location Affected by Proposed Action (county, range and township)**

Poindexter Slough FAS, Beaverhead County, Section 34, Township 7S, Range 9W.

7. **Project Size: Estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:**

(a) Developed:	(d) Floodplain
residential	_____ acres
industrial	
_____ acres	(e) Productive:
(b) Open Space/Woodlands/ Recreation	irrigated cropland
_____ acres	dry cropland
	forestry
	rangeland
(c) Wetlands/Riparian Areas	other
_____ <u>19.69</u> acres	_____ acres

8. **Map/site plan: attach an original 8 ½" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.**

Site map, FWP ownership map - Poindexter Slough FAS, and vicinity maps attached.

9. **Narrative Summary of the Proposed Action or Project including the Benefits and Purpose of the Proposed Action.**

The proposed action is to trade 13.65 acres of FWP property at Poindexter Slough Fishing Access Site (FAS), west of old Highway 91 and east Interstate 15 for 6.04 acres of Tash T Diamond Livestock, Inc. (Tash) property adjacent to the east bank of the Beaverhead River and west of Interstate 15 (see attached site map). The appraised value of the two properties are approximately equal with the FWP property appraised at \$19,500 and the Tash property at \$20,000. The FWP property was originally purchased in 1979 with the assistance of Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF). The LWCF obligation will be transferred to the Tash tract after the proposed acquisition is completed with the approval of the National Park Service. Both parcels are primarily wetland habitat type. Both parcels will be encumbered with restrictive covenants limiting the use of the properties to agriculture. No recreational facilities are planned for the parcel proposed for acquisition nor are any located on the parcel to be traded.

The FWP property will be traded subject to a 30 foot wide access easement along the eastern border of the tract to serve a neighboring property owner to the east. The survey is configured at Highway 91 to facilitate continued administrative access to other FWP properties east of Interstate 15.

The proposed trade will benefit FWP and recreationists by securing property that is contiguous with the majority of FWP holdings west of Interstate 15 and adjacent to the Beaverhead River. The parcel proposed for disposition is non-contiguous with other FWP holdings on Poindexter Slough FAS and contains no river frontage on the Beaverhead River or Poindexter Slough. The property proposed for acquisition will allow increased public recreational opportunity, through expanded frontage (870 linear feet) along the Beaverhead River. Expansion of the contiguous holdings west of Interstate 15 will also provide increased public waterfowl and whitetail deer hunting opportunity. Little public use has been observed in the parcel proposed for trade. Use for waterfowl hunting is limited by the small size of the parcel and it's proximity to Highway 91 and Interstate 15 as well as neighboring ownerships. The parcel proposed for trade contains no fisheries resources. Both parcels contain significant wetland habitats and offer equal opportunities for wildlife viewing.

10. Listing of any other Local, State or Federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction.

(a) Permits:

Agency Name Permit Date Filed/#

Beaverhead County Subdivision Review Upon completion of exchange.

(b) Funding:

Agency Name Funding Amount

N/A

(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities:

Agency Name Type of Responsibility

National Park Service Exchange Approval After FWP Commission approval.

11. List of Agencies Consulted During Preparation of the EA:

N/A.

PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

1. <u>LAND RESOURCES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT [*]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [*]	Comment Index
	Unknown [*]	None	Minor [*]	Potentially Significant		
▶ a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		X				
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?		X				
▶ c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		X				
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to earthquakes, landslides, ground failure, or other natural hazard?		X				
f. Other <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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2. <u>AIR</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT [*]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [*]	Comment Index
	Unknown [*]	None	Minor [*]	Potentially Significant		
▶ a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality? (also see 13 (c))		X				
b. Creation of objectionable odors?		X				
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
e. ♦♦ For P-R/D-J projects, will the project result in any discharge which will conflict with federal or state air quality regs? (Also see 2a)						
f. Other <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Air Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

- ☆ Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.
- ▶ Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)
- ♦ Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.
- ♦♦ Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

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3. <u>WATER</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT [*]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [*]	Comment Index
	Unknown [*]	None	Minor [*]	Potentially Significant		
► a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		X				
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?		X				
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of flood water or other flows?		X				
d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
j. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
k. Effects on other users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
l. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project affect a designated floodplain? (Also see 3c)						
m. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project result in any discharge that will affect federal or state water quality regulations? (Also see 3a)						
n. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Water Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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4. <u>VEGETATION</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT [☆]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [☆]	Comment Index
	Unknown [☆]	None	Minor [☆]	Potentially Significant		
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?		X				
b. Alteration of a plant community?		X				
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?		X				
f. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project affect wetlands, or prime and unique farmland?						
g. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Vegetation Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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▶ 5. <u>FISH/WILDLIFE</u>	IMPACT*				Can Impact Be Mitigated*	Comment Index
	Unknown*	None	Minor*	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?		X				
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game animals or bird species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?		X				
h. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project be performed in any area in which T&E species are present, and will the project affect any T&E species or their habitat? (Also see 5f)						
i. ♦For P-R/D-J, will the project introduce or export any species not presently or historically occurring in the receiving location? (Also see 5d)						
j. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Fish/Wildlife Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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6. <u>NOISE/ELECTRICAL EFFECTS</u>	IMPACT*				Can Impact Be Mitigated*	Comment Index
	Unknown*	None	Minor*	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Increases in existing noise levels?		X				
b. Exposure of people to serve or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Creation of electrostatic or electromagnetic effects that could be detrimental to human health or property?		X				
d. Interference with radio or television reception and operation?		X				
e. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Noise/Electrical Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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7. <u>LAND USE</u>	IMPACT [*]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [*]	Comment Index
	Unknown [*]	None	Minor [*]	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?		X				
b. Conflicted with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance?			X			See 7b. Below.
c. Conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Adverse effects on or relocation of residences?		X				
e. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

7b. The parcel proposed for acquisition has a greater diversity of habitat types (i.e., cottonwood grove).

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8. <u>RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS</u>	IMPACT [*]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [*]	Comment Index
	Unknown [*]	None	Minor [*]	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Risk of an explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?		X				
b. Affect an existing emergency response or emergency evacuation plan or create a need for a new plan?		X				
c. Creation of any human health hazard or potential hazard?		X				
d. ♦For P-R/D-J, will any chemical toxicants be used? (Also see 8a)						
e. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Risk/Health Hazards (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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9. <u>COMMUNITY IMPACT</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT*				Can Impact Be Mitigated*	Comment Index
	Unknown*	None	Minor*	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?		X				
b. Alteration of the social structure of a community?		X				
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?		X				
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?		X				
e. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?		X				
f. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Community Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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▶ Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)

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10. <u>PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT [☆]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [☆]	Comment Index
	Unknown [☆]	None	Minor [☆]	Potentially Significant		
a. Will the proposed action have an effect upon or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas: fire or police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, roads or other public maintenance, water supply, sewer or septic systems, solid waste disposal, health, or other governmental services? If any, specify: _____		X				
b. Will the proposed action have an effect upon the local or state tax base and revenues?		X				
c. Will the proposed action result in a need for new facilities or substantial alterations of any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?		X				
d. Will the proposed action result in increased used of any energy source?		X				
▶ e. Define projected revenue sources			X			See 10e. Below.
▶ f. Define projected maintenance costs.			X			See 10f. Below.
g. Other: <u> N/A </u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Public Services/Taxes/Utilities (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

10e. FWP's share of appraisal costs for properties proposed for trade will be drawn from the Fishing Access Site acquisition account.

10f. No additional maintenance costs are anticipated for the Poindexter Slough FAS as a result of the proposed land trade. The approximate annual maintenance costs for this site are \$3,000.

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▶ 11. <u>AESTHETICS/RECREATION</u>	IMPACT*				Can Impact Be Mitigated*	Comment Index
	Unknown*	None	Minor*	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?		X				
▶c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings? (Attach Tourism Report)			X			See 11c. Below.
d. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will any designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, trails or wilderness areas be impacted? (Also see 11a, 11c)						
e. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Aesthetics/Recreation (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

11c. The additional river frontage proposed for acquisition under the terms of the trade will result in minor positive impact to the quantity of recreational opportunities.

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▶ 12. <u>CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES</u>	IMPACT*				Can Impact Be Mitigated*	Comment Index
	Unknown*	None	Minor*	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
▶a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric historic, or paleontological importance?		X				See 12a. Below.
b. Physical change that would affect unique cultural values?		X				
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				
d. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project affect historic or cultural resources? Attach SHPO letter of clearance. (Also see 12.a)						
e. Other: <u>N/A</u>						

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Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Cultural/Historical Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

12a. See attached SHPO letter indicating the proposed trade would result in no impact to historic or cultural resources.

Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

▶ Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)

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13. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:	IMPACT [☆]				Can Impact Be Mitigated [☆]	Comment Index
	Unknown [☆]	None	Minor [☆]	Potentially Significant		
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or program may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?		X				
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements of any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		X				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?		X				
f. ♦For P-R/D-J, is the project expected to have organized opposition or generate substantial public controversy? (Also see 13e)						
g. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, list any federal or state permits required.						

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2. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action whenever alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider and a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

Alternative A: Proposed Action.

This alternative is the proposed action (preferred alternative). This alternative is described under Part I, number 9, **Narrative Description of Proposed Action**, on page two of the EA.

Alternative B: Fee Title Acquisition

Under this alternative FWP would attempt to purchase the 6.04 acre Tash tract, which is currently for sale, for the appraised value. Under this alternative, FWP would not give up ownership of the 13.65 acre tract proposed for trade. It would be difficult to justify the expenditure of Fishing Access Site Acquisition dollars to purchase additional land adjacent to the 405 acres of property (Poindexter Slough FAS) that FWP already owns. Implementation of this alternative would not serve to consolidate FWP land holdings at Poindexter Slough.

Alternative C: No Action Alternative.

Under this alternative FWP would not participate in the proposed land trade. The Tash property offered for trade would likely be offered for sale and acquired by other private interests. Under private ownership, public accessibility would likely be restricted. Additionally, development of this tract would remain a possibility as would timber harvest. These potential scenarios would conflict with fish and wildlife management objectives for the area. The opportunity for FWP to consolidate land holdings and acquire additional Beaverhead River frontage would be lost.

3. Evaluation and listing of mitigation, stipulation, or other control measures enforceable by the agency or another government agency:

Under the subdivision review process, FWP has applied agricultural covenants to run with both properties. These covenants restrict the utilization of each property to agricultural uses only. The property proposed for acquisition will be managed under the current Poindexter Slough FAS Management Plan. This plan provides for the management of the property emphasizing fish and wildlife habitat and public recreation uses.

4. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? YES / NO If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action:

This review has clearly demonstrated that the impacts associated with the proposal are not significant. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, an EA is the appropriate level of analysis and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

5. Describe the level of public involvement for this project if any and, given the complexity and the seriousness of the environmental issues associated with the proposed action, is the level of public involvement appropriate under the circumstances?

The public will be notified in the following manners that FWP is accepting comments on the EA, the proposed action and alternatives.

- 3 legal notices: one notice published in each of the following newspapers: Dillon Tribune, Montana Standard (Butte), and the Helena Independent Record,
- 1 legal notice on the Montana state electronic bulletin board,
- 1 southwest Montana press release,
- distribution of EA to Region Three's EA standard distribution list, including landowners adjacent to the proposed land trade, and interested sportsmen clubs and conservation groups.

The opportunities for public input listed above are appropriate for the proposed land trade since little or no environmental impacts are identified and no substantial public controversy is expected.

Comments should be sent to the following address; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Poindexter Slough FAS Land Exchange, 1400 S. 19th, Bozeman, MT 59718.

6. Duration of comment period if any:

Twenty-one (21) days beginning Monday, September 21, 1998 and ending at 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 12, 1998.

7. Name, title, address and phone number of the Person(s) Responsible for Preparing the EA:

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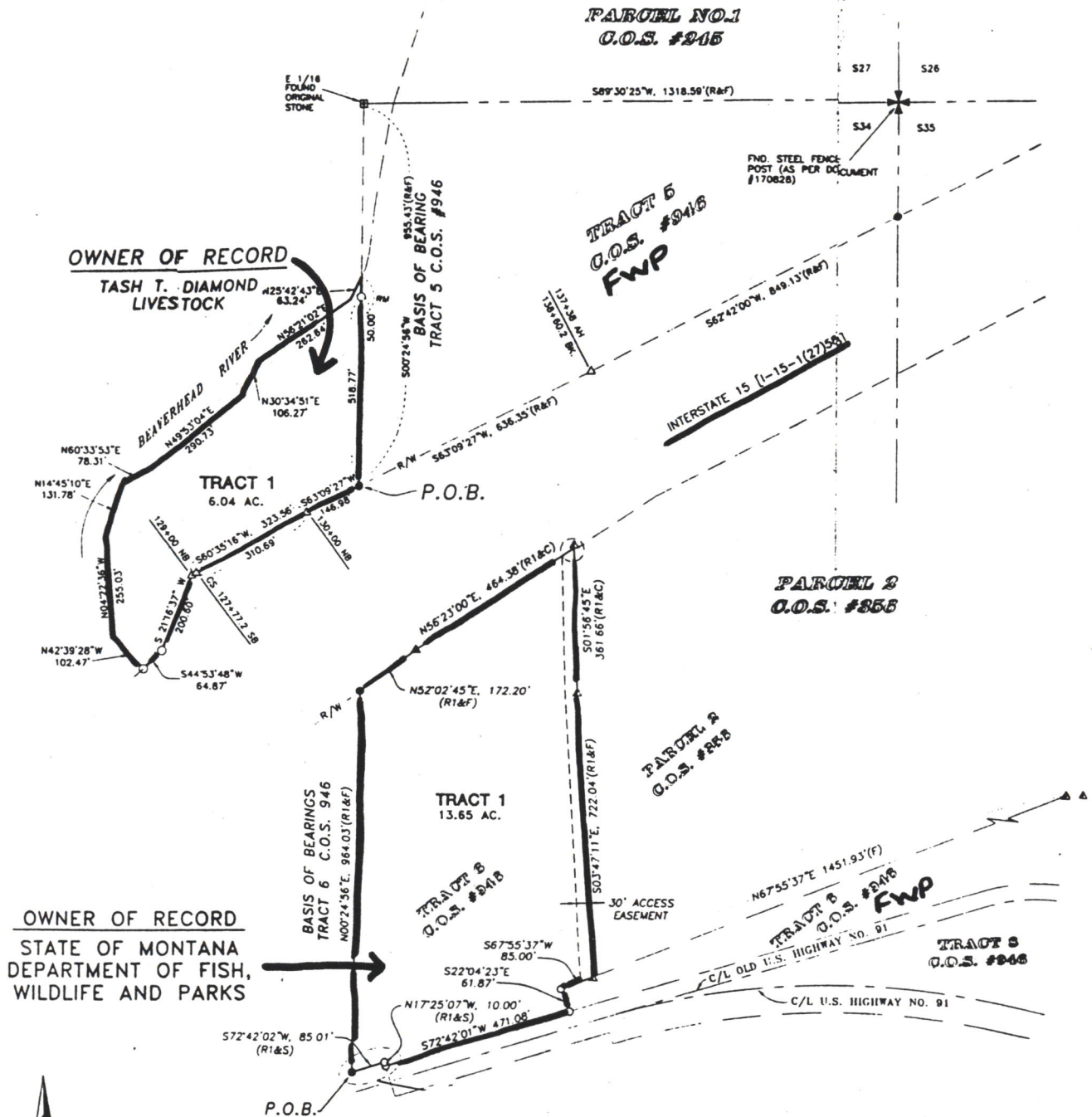
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PART III. NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT

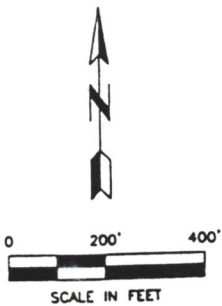
Attachments:

1. Site Map
2. FWP Ownership Map - Poindexter Slough FAS
3. Vicinity Map
4. State Historic Preservation Office Clearance Letter

SITE MAP



NE 1/4
SECTION 34
T7S R9W
BEAVER HEAD COUNTY



FWI 0001501P
Current 11/17/97

COORDINATE CONTROL TABLE

MONTANA STATE PLANE (NAD 83) IN METERS		PLAT GRID TO GROUND FACTOR	BEARING CORRECTION	CONVERSION
NORTHING	EASTING			
108967.5417	348768.208	1.0000000		
108727.6499	350162.708	1.0000000		

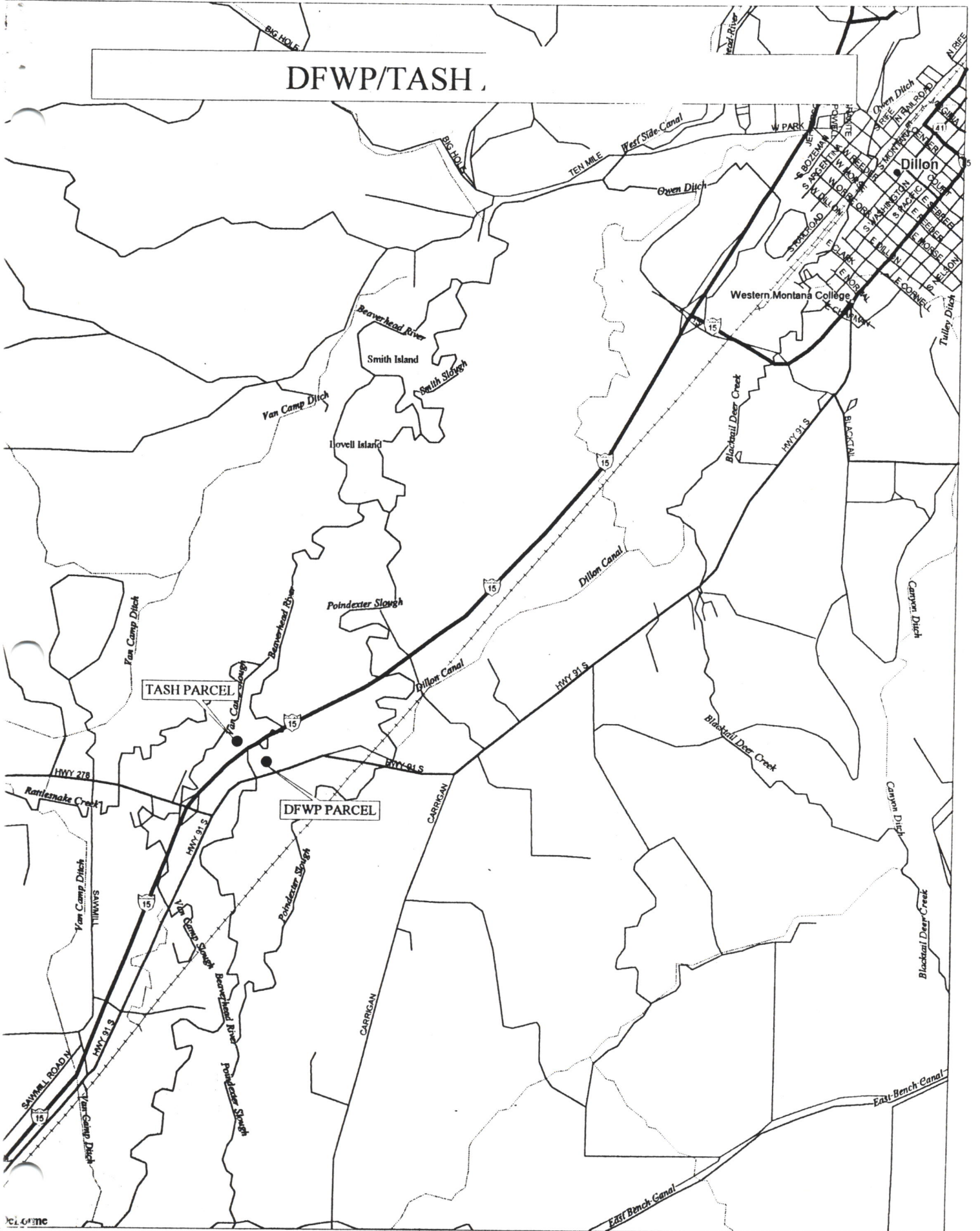
LINE TABLE

Station	Length	Bearing	Area
1	240.25	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
2	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
3	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
4	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
5	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
6	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
7	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
8	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
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10	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
11	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
12	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
13	23.33	S 87° 15' 00" E	0.00
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RE: Poindexter Slough FAS Proposed Land Exchange

Dear Paul:

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is considering a land exchange at our Poindexter Slough Fishing Access Site. Attached is a Cultural Resource Inventory Report for the proposed exchanged.

Based on the Archaeologist's conclusions, we believe the exchange will have little likelihood of impacting cultural resources.

Please review this proposed project and provide us with your comments.

Sincerely,

PAUL VALLE
Cultural Resources Coordinator
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